

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Caledonia in Washington County, Mo. Caledonia was established in 1819 when Alexander Craighead named the village after his native Scotland and built a home there that still stands today. Caledonia is Latin for Scotland.

Caledonia was officially organized as an incorporated village on November 6, 1874 and the first appointed mayor was Alexander C. Relfe, son of Congressman James H. Relfe. The little town was home to history in our country's expansion west of the Mississippi. The first Presbyterian Church, the first Masonic Lodge, and the second Methodist Church west of the river are all located in the village. Its first two businesses were Tom Sloan's blacksmith and Fergus Sloan's brewery. Caledonia was also home to the Bellevue Collegiate Institute that operated from 1864 until 1902. One of its first presidents, Willard Duncan Vandiver, went on to become a U.S. Congressman and is credited with coining the phrase, "I'm from Missouri—you'll have to show me!"

The Village of Caledonia was designated in 1984 by the Department of the Interior as a Place of Historical Designation. Today, Caledonia is a quaint little village of shops, eateries and places to stay that has kept this charming community of 130 people thriving in the 21st century. It is my great pleasure to celebrate Caledonia today on the occasion of its bicentennial birthday before the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF MS. MAGGIE KATIE BROWN-KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary Georgian, Ms. Maggie Katie Brown-Kidd.

Ms. Kidd, the youngest of 12 children, was born on December 8, 1904, to William and Lucy Brown. While she spent much of her life living and working on her family's farm in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, she was most recently a resident of the city of Riverdale, Georgia, which I have the honor of representing here in Congress. She was the oldest living resident of the State of Georgia, the oldest African American person in the United States, and the tenth oldest person in the world.

Ms. Kidd was a lifetime member of the Frank Bailey Senior Center in Clayton County,

in which the recreation room has been dedicated in her honor. She was deputized as an honorary sheriff and served as the Grand Marshal in the City of Riverdale's 2017 Christmas Parade. In March of this year, the Georgia House of Representatives held a ceremony in her honor to recognize and celebrate her 114 years of life.

Ms. Kidd witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of her long life, and through her selfless service to her family and local community, she has made Riverdale and the overall Georgia community a better place.

Ms. Kidd inspired many throughout her life by sharing her kindness, wisdom, and concern for her fellow citizens. We have lost an example of moral integrity and unending love. It is fitting and proper to reflect and commemorate Ms. Kidd's contribution to our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in offering our sincerest condolences to Ms. Kidd's family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

May God continue to bless the family of Ms. Maggie Katie Brown-Kidd.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ELOISE KAILIN

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Dr. Eloise Whittlesey Kailin—a champion of public health, good governance, and environmental issues who recently passed away on June 1, 2019 at the age of 100.

Dr. Kailin was born in New London, Connecticut, but moved frequently during her father's career in the U.S. Coast Guard. From the age of eleven, she expressed her desire to become a physician, and that dream was realized when she became one of the few women accepted into the George Washington University Medical School class of 1943.

She married Harvey Kailin, Sr. in 1942, the year before her graduation, and began her distinguished medical career in Washington, D.C. She became board certified in allergy and immunology, served for over thirty years as a writer and editor of medical abstracts for the Journal of Allergy, and testified on Capitol Hill for the Clean Air Act. After the family moved to Maryland, Dr. Kailin developed a friendship with Rachel Carson, author of the seminal 1962 work about the impact of pesticides on the food chain, Silent Spring. This friendship likely strengthened Dr. Kailin's commitment to addressing environmental issues both for the health of her patients and for people throughout our country.

Dr. Kailin and her husband retired to Sequim in 1971 based on her recollection of "Sunny Sequim" from high school years in Seattle in the 1930s. Living on the North Olympic Peninsula, she saw the critical need to protect

its pristine beauty and spent nearly fifty years in service to that cause.

Shortly after their arrival in Sequim, the Kailins became involved in the fight against a proposed nuclear power plant on the Miller Peninsula east of Sequim, which led to the founding of Protect the Peninsula's Future (PPF)—a nonprofit dedicated to the protection of the North Olympic Peninsula. The opposition prevailed, and the site once considered for that power plant is now a part of Miller Peninsula State Park. Dr. Kailin remained a board member of the organization she helped found until her passing.

Through PPF, Dr. Kailin was instrumental in addressing countless environmental concerns. Many believe one of their most significant achievements was the fifteen-year court battle with the city of Sequim over sewage treatment. In 1998, that fight resulted in the construction of a state-of-the-art water reclamation facility which was expanded in 2010, nearly doubling its capacity.

This centenarian was the recipient of many awards including the Clallam County Community Service Award, People for Puget Sound's Warren Magnuson Puget Marine Protection Award, Washington Environmental Council's Environmental Heroes Award, and the Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award. Before her passing, she was also recognized by the City of Sequim.

I am humbled to speak in recognition of Dr. Eloise Kailin—who is often referred to as the "matriarch of environmental activism" on the North Olympic Peninsula. I join her children, Harvey, David, and Janet, and the citizens of our region's beautiful peninsula in mourning her passing, but also in recognizing that her good work will contribute to the health and well-being of the citizens in this gem of the Northwest for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE ELLINGTON
WHIPPETS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ellington High School Whippets who made school history May 31, 2019 when they won the Class 2 Missouri State Baseball Championship.

The team achieved its year-long goal as they claimed their final victory of the season, playing a nearly perfect game to shut out Seymour with a score of 9–0. From a leadoff ground-rule double to the final out of the game, all of Ellington was behind the team.

The championship is the first ever for any Southern Reynolds County High School team in any sport. I applaud the Whippets for their winning season record of 29 and 1.

Congratulations to Reece Bourma, Cameron Brewer, Dillon Buckner, Kaleb Richards, Garret Morris, Ely Crocker, Carson McNail, Josh

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Buford, Cody Graves, John Heady, Mike Bass, Dalton Buckner, Will Copeland, Nolan Heady, Trevor Copeland, Logan Loyd, Garrett Tucker, Tucker Dement, Tyler Hackworth, Gage Marler, Evan Weaver, Coaches Jake Hime, Scott Henfling and Jordan Simms and Managers Abbi Harper and Bailee Hunter.

It is my great privilege to recognize the Ellington High School Whippets as the 2019 Class 2 Missouri State Championship Baseball team today before the United States House of Representatives.

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH RECOGNITION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, we recognize June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. I rise today to honor Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District's local advocates with the Alzheimer's Association with the Greater Pennsylvania Chapter.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Madam Speaker, this quotation, often attributed to anthropologist Margaret Mead is befitting of the local group of advocates with the Alzheimer's Association that my staff and I have come to know during my time in office.

Mary Read, Linda & Mary Reheard, Sharon Flory, Sandy Heisey, Joni Schenk, Frances Gibbons, Candy Yingling, John and LuAnn Goldfus—these are all dedicated individuals in the community who advocate effectively on behalf of nearly 50 million people across the globe and 5 million Americans who are living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

I'm proud to be a member of the bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's, a co-sponsor of the legislation supported by the caucus, and was pleased to walk with them to raise awareness in our community and beyond.

I thank them for their service on behalf of others and together with these individuals, one day soon, we will hopefully have a world without Alzheimer's Disease.

HONORING THE AROMAS WATER DISTRICT

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aromas Water District as they celebrate their 60th anniversary. For 60 years, the Aromas Water District has dedicated itself to the enrichment of our community on the central coast of California by serving the water needs of the greater Aromas area.

The Aromas Water District was established on July 24, 1959 by a Resolution of the State of California, Office of the Secretary of State. It was formed as a County Water District and ultimately became a California Multi-County Special District. Originally there was one well, one storage tank and a small distribution sys-

tem serving less than 150 parcels. In the past 60 years, the District has grown to serve our expanding community and now serves approximately 3,000 people on over 900 parcels, utilizing three wells, 35 miles of distribution system, and nine storage sites with over 1,200,000 gallons of water storage and fire protection.

The District is governed by an elected five-member, at large, board of directors. Community members serving on the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District have helped successfully usher in the latest improvements in their treatment plants, like the removal of iron and manganese from the water source. The rigorous water testing is conducted under the oversight of the State Water Resources Control board and successfully meets all health and safety standards.

I am proud to say that the District is continually striving to educate our community on the benefits of water conservation and aquifer protection. One of the ways they accomplish this goal is by maintaining a drought-tolerant demonstration garden at the District's office. Visitors from the local community are shown how drip irrigation reduces water loss and permeable gravel paths encourage groundwater recharge and rain water catchment, all while achieving this without the use of herbicides or pesticides. This garden is in downtown Aromas and is open and easily accessible to the public year-round.

The District is proud to have consistently served high-quality water to customers in both Monterey and San Benito counties for the last 60 years, as well as moving forward into the future. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Aromas Water District for their service to the Central Coast on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREENTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Greentree Christian Church (GCC)—in Rolla, Missouri. The church has grown from a few to 2,000 members over the course of its existence. It is a rare occasion for a church to reach its sesquicentennial milestone and can only happen when a church is unfaltering in carrying out God's work.

Although it was not yet called GCC, this church took root in 1869, the same year President Ulysses S. Grant took office, and was located on the farmland of Harvey and Charles Drennon near Blues Lake. These men, along with "Aunt Fanny" were the first members of the church. Over the next 132 years, the church, later known as First Christian Church, met in several locations, most notably at the corner of 8th and Main, which housed the services for the better part of its history. During this time, the building was twice destroyed by fire and once by tornado. Despite this, the church persevered, rebuilding after each crisis and continuing to grow.

In 1991, the church built a facility at 10th and Greentree Road that housed Greentree

Learning and Childcare Center. A decade later, construction was completed on a large expansion of that facility, and the congregation began meeting in what is now the church gymnasium. In 2011, after another large expansion, the church began meeting in the sanctuary, where it meets today, and was renamed Greentree Christian Church.

Over the years, this church has seen many pastors come and go. Current Senior Minister Tim Cook has been there since 1982 and is retiring this June. It seems fitting that the church's longest-serving minister would get to witness this rare milestone. Mr. Cook, I congratulate you on your upcoming retirement and thank you and the members of your congregation for your service to GCC, the Rolla Community, and the whole church body at large. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING CAPTAIN GREG HANSEN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Captain Greg Hansen, who has given over four decades of altruistic and indispensable service to the central coast of California. Working as a firefighter in Aptos, California from 1980, and acting as Fire Captain for Aptos since 1990, Mr. Hansen has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public safety over the course of his prolific career, now ending with his retirement from Fire Captain position.

Since he began his career as a firefighter in 1977, Mr. Hansen has worked tirelessly to ensure public safety. Not only has Mr. Hansen continued to respond to the public's fire safety issues with bravery and urgency, he has also worked to better the community he serves through education and outreach, such as his provision of CPR training for middle school students. Through this ability to combine efficient public protection with significant public engagement, he has fostered an admirable commitment to public safety in his community and effectively utilized his position as Fire Captain to ensure the wellbeing of his neighbors.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hansen's outstanding contributions have earned him many accolades, including the VFW's Firefighter of the Year on three occasions, Man of the Year from the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, California State Assembly, and California State Senate on four occasions, and the Congressional Award from the United States Congress. He was also honored with the National Gold Medal Award as EMT of the Year for directly saving the life of an injured young man.

Now, Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and incredible service of Greg Hansen. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in me in thanking him and all that he has done for our community.